

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT



MEETING DATE: August 24, 2005

ITEM No. _____ GOAL: Coordinate Planning to Balance Infrastructure

SUBJECT **Scenic Corridor General Plan Amendment (13-GP-2005)**

REQUEST Request to initiate a General Plan amendment to the Open Space and Recreation Element and the Character and Design Element regarding Scenic Corridor and Buffered Roadway designations.

Key Items for Consideration:

- Interest has been expressed in classifying additional roadways as a Scenic Roadway designation.

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LOCATION Citywide

BACKGROUND **History.**
The Scenic Corridor and Buffered Roadway designations have been a part of the General Plan since the Northeast Area Plan (1976) when the Shea Boulevard Scenic Parkway was designated. In the 1981 Environmental Design Element – Streetscape Plan two major streets (Shea Boulevard and Scottsdale Road north of the CAP) were shown as Scenic Corridors. Additional roads (Hayden, Frank Lloyd Wright, Via Linda, and Pima) were shown as roads with Major Buffers. With the adoption of the Scottsdale Foothills General Plan (1984) and the Tonto Foothills General Plan (1986) for newly annexed areas of the city, additional roadways were designated Scenic Corridors: Pima Road (north of the 101 Freeway), Dynamite Boulevard, Carefree Highway, and Cave Creek Road; and Major Buffers: Lone Mountain east of Pima, Desert Mountain Parkway, and Happy Valley Road. With the update of the Environmental Design Element in 1992, the Scenic Corridor and Buffered Setback/Parkway (Major Buffers) designation was moved to the Open Space Plan. No additional Scenic Corridors or Buffered Setbacks/Parkways were included in this update or the 2001 update.

Throughout 2002-2003 Scenic Corridor Design Guidelines were developed and taken through a public process and hearing with the Development Review Board for adoption. These guidelines clearly identify the setbacks and design elements for Scenic Corridors. Additional streetscape guidelines have been established and adopted by the City Council for Shea Boulevard, Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard, and Via Linda.

Interest has been expressed to expand the application of a Scenic Roadway designation to other roadways in the city. This General Plan amendment will

examine the various classifications for scenic or buffered roadways, and determine the applicability of these various designations to roadways in Scottsdale.

APPLICANT'S
PROPOSAL

- Examine the applicability of, and make recommendations for, applying a Scenic Roadway designation to other roadways in Scottsdale.

STAFF
RECOMMENDATION

Recommended Approach:
Staff recommends the initiation.

RESPONSIBLE
DEPT(S)

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